

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

October 2019

Our Mission

UELC's Mission:

To Embrace and Share the Love of God in Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit Empowers us.

UELC's Guiding Principles:

Jesus is our Lord and Saviour; therefore, we are to:

- > Worship God in inspiring, diverse, and creative ways
- > Be a community engaged in spiritual practices that attune us to the Holy Spirit's guidance for our living
- > Welcome all people in their diversity to worship, learn, and serve with us
- > Be a safe place to learn, explore, and debate
- > Be generous stewards of the gifts God has given each of us to bless others and care for the natural world
- > Continue outreach to, and further develop connections with, the academic communities of Alachua County
- > Affirm human rights and work for social justice



Pastor's Corner

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November Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for the November newsletter by October 29th to Andy Noss
andrew.noss@yahoo.com

October Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers
Oct 6 Austin MontMarquette /
Krissi Norford
Oct 13 Nathan Gross / Pat
Dasler
Oct 20 William Speer / Jim Yale
Oct 27 Becky / Sam Borgert

Altar Guild
Oct 6 Joan Anderson
Oct 13 Anna Grace
MontMarquette
Oct 20 Pat Dasler
Oct 27 Joan Anderson

Lector
Oct 6 Sandy Bauldree
Oct 13 Paige Hansen
Oct 20 Rick Dienhart
Oct 27 Ruth Fugmann

Ushers
Oct 6
Oct 13
Oct 20
Oct 27

A Fall Lens: What do we Need to Shed?



Shedding is a natural process of change when it comes to creation. Generally Autumn (Fall) is the season of shedding. Many trees and plants shed their leaves. Many animals change their habits during changing seasons. Some creatures have periodic times of molting - shedding old skin or their coat. Frogs, moths and butterflies undergo a complete

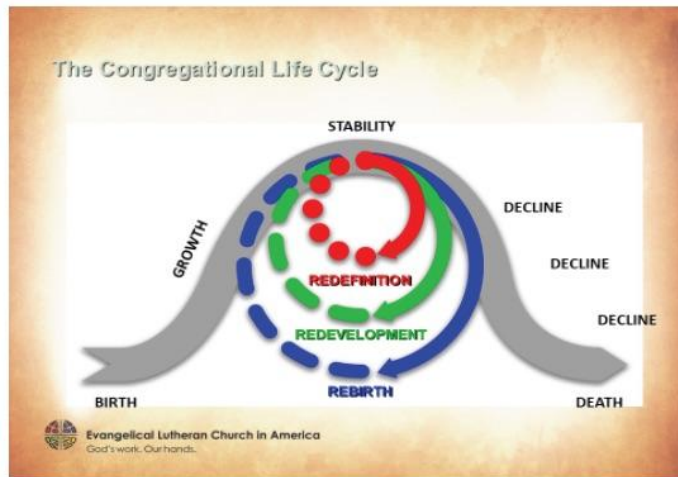
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skin or their coat. Frogs, moths and butterflies undergo a complete change from their first form in a process called metamorphosis. For them too, shedding is inevitable and, actually necessary for their survival.

When we go through the different passages of life as humans, we have to shed something each time. Whether it is shedding our puppy fat as we become teens; shedding our dependence on parents as we become

adults; shedding much of our independence to share our lives with a partner; shedding our focus on ourselves as a couple as we have children; letting go of our children as they transition to adulthood and independence; letting go of our tendency to control as we ourselves lose some abilities as we age; letting go of a spouse, siblings or parents as they pass on from this world; shedding our independence to a larger extent as we grow old and frail. Shedding is a necessary part of life. **When we fail to accept shedding and transition, our development is stunted or skewed.** We cause problems for ourselves and all those around us and, often, society as a whole. Change is inevitable and necessary for our survival.

Shedding is a process of adapting to a changing environment. It is seeking to remain vital, often in a new form, depending on changed conditions. It is finding stability through creative redefinition/ redevelopment/ rebirth. It's also the change process in the Church.



As Church, we have constantly been changing to remain vital with changing contexts. Seeking vitality and relevance is an integral part of who we are. The three circles in the above diagram are what we aim for as healthy change. In essence we maintain our identity, as do trees and much of nature. As there are some basic characteristics that define human beings, even through the passages of life, similarly, there are basic characteristics of being church – identifying marks. For example, we remain the Body of Christ, a Christ-Centered community for the Means of Grace (Word, Baptism and Eucharist - in the Lutheran tradition). We maintain our creedal beliefs. Then, beyond our basic identity, we adapt to changing times in the way we express this identity.

Records of the histories and descriptions of the Church's changing expressions and form are exhaustive and date back from the first century AD to today. I will not attempt to cover that in this article (thank God) but call on us to focus on just ONE change that is simple yet proving to be more difficult than it should be, especially in churches of European descent: Evangelism. Before we run with fear for all that word conjures up, let me limit

Oct 6 Jeanne Chamberlin / Ron Fourman
Oct 13 Ron Gordon / Andy Noss
Oct 20 Gene Brandner / Roger Springfels
Oct 27 John MontMarquette / Phil Noss

Greeters

Oct 6 Ron Gordon / Gene Brandner
Oct 13 Austin MontMarquette / Joel Beaudry / Collin Larke
Oct 20 Krissi / Dan Norford
Oct 27 Austin MontMarquette / Andy Noss

Sound Assistant

Oct 6 Sam Brill
Oct 13 Sam Borgert
Oct 20 Sam Brill
Oct 27 Dan Norford

Counters

Oct 6 Jackie Klein / Phil Noss
Oct 13 Donna Day / Andy Noss
Oct 20 Dan Norford / Ron Gordon
Oct 27 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach

Still Collecting Diapers!

We are still collecting infant/toddler diapers for Gainesville Community Ministry. You can put them in the lime green container in the Kaiser Center.

Gainesville Community Ministry says they often get plenty of new born and small infant diapers, but not a lot of the larger size (fitting 20 pounds and up).

So, if you could, donate some of the larger sizes.

If you have questions, you can contact Krissi Norford.

this to a basic act: Inviting. In our history, simply being welcoming or even being present, was seen as enough to fulfil our role as a Community for the Means of Grace. As Lutheran we have also seen our social outreach to those in need as a way of welcoming people and being a witness in the world. In this type of outreach, we have not focused intentionally on inviting people to our church community to receive the Means of Grace and to develop a sibling relationship with us in Christ.

So, let us shed our aversion to, fear of, or even resistance to Evangelism, and simply invite someone to church. Andrew met Jesus and knew He was the Messiah, so he felt he had to invite his brother Peter to meet Jesus. (John 1:40-41). Philip invited Nathaniel, who was skeptical, but Philip simply said, "Come and see for yourself. (John 1:45-46). Andrew took Peter to see Jesus. We all can invite and bring people to church. Philip faced scientism, like we do today, so we do not have to try to convince anyone. Like Philip and Andrew, simply invite others. Then, as in the case of Peter and Nathaniel – the invitees – Jesus did the calling. **Jesus does the calling, but we invite people to experience "the means of grace" at our church worship services.** Let's shed yesterday's habits, even yesterday's characteristics (how we express our identity). INVITE someone to church – a relative, a friend, a colleague or an acquaintance. This is ONE step towards our shedding this Fall.

Blessings,

Pr. Terrance



Council President's Report

Council met on September 17, 2019.

Janet Janke delivered the meditation, the theme of which was Gifts from God which empower us to reach out to others.

The new copier is in use.

The letter to the congregation reporting on the status of the spending plan was given or mailed to the congregation the last week of August.

Copies of the revised Constitution were given to Council members to review and make notes. We will meet at a later date to review any issues or concerns.

October 6 will be the first Sunday of "Stewardship" month. The Synod has designated that Sunday the same day as Global Mission Sunday.

Ron Bauldree's quick response to the breakdown of the AC Unit At the 1902 House was commended. Sam Borgert was able to secure a quotation in a timely manner, facilitating a prompt redress of the situation.

In the near future, a plan will be developed for Hurricane Preparedness to prepare guidelines.

The next meeting will be on October 22, 2019.

Sandy volunteered to prepare the meditation for the next meeting.

ENJOY AUTUMN!!

Donna Day

UELC People



October Birthdays

10/ 2 Maria Laari
10/11 Jim Griswold
10/20 Bill Chamberlin
10/21 Sharai Jacob
10/25 Stephani Babcock Jahn
10/26 Thomas Leite
10/28. Hal Noss
10/31 Les O'Brien

Continued Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Al Schilling, Agnes Martinson, Lois Wilkowske, Alice Simpson, Dutch Schirmer, Ron and Beverly Gronwall, Les O'Brien



Altar Flowers

A beautiful way to remember a loved one or a special occasion in your life.

Check the altar flower chart located in Kaiser Center to sign up for a Sunday that would be meaningful for you. Cost for flowers is \$30.00. Please contact Evelyn in the church office if you have any questions. 352-373-6945

Women's Fall Bible Study

Let Us Pray is the Fall Bible Study for the women of UELC. This Bible Study is from Gather, the magazine published by WELCA, [Women of the ELCA]. This three-part study is being led by Janet Janke.

In September the study was on "The paradoxes of prayer."

The next one is on Oct. 12th, with "The practices of prayer."

It will conclude on Nov. 16th, with "The expressions of prayer."

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We begin with fellowship at 9:00 AM and end before 11:00. We gather in a meeting room at Oak Hammock, the retirement community off Williston Rd. Just let the gate know you are there for the University Lutheran Church meeting and they will let you in and give you directions.

An invitation has been extended to the women of Gethsemane and the Campus and Young Adult Ministry at UELC to join in this Bible study.

A copy of the study will be available in the church office prior to each session although it is not necessary to read it ahead of time.

Note that they are on Saturdays when Gators play away games!

LIFT

Thursday, Oct. 10th, at Noon

Safe Children. Strong Families. Vibrant Communities. These three simple, yet powerful, statements encompass the full work of Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) and their vision for the future.

Join us for our monthly potluck luncheon where LSF's CEO Sam Sipes will describe the work that LSF does throughout the state of Florida around the above core concepts, in their mission to bring God's healing, hope and help to people in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please bring your favorite potluck dish and join us for this timely topic that fits into our current programs on becoming a more inviting church. We are thankful that Sam has included us in this busy schedule of spreading the word on LSF. We will see you then.

Any questions, please contact Ron Bauldree at ronbauldree@msn.com.

Thank you to our September speaker, Deanna Edwards, for her presentation on Thrivent-supported community projects.



Young Adult Ministry

The Campus/Young Adult Ministry has started a weekly study on the topic of the refugee crisis. Each week we are discussing a chapter from the book *Dialogues: The Refugee Crisis* (a Spark House Publication).

Books or copies of the chapter are available in the church office. The study is non-sequential, so you may join in at anytime. The meal and discussions are Thursdays, from 5:30-7:00 pm.

For inquiries contact Krissi and Dan Norford (keb.dan@gmail.com).

Music Ministry

At UELC, we continue to have a variety of music and song choices in worship.



Choir practices in the Kaiser Center on Wednesday evenings at 7 to 8 pm and Sunday mornings at 10 am.
Please contact Minister of Music, Crystal Jacob for more information, suggestions or feedback.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum has resumed with a weekly study on the topic of the refugee crisis. Each week we are discussing a chapter from the book *Dialogues: The Refugee Crisis* (a Spark House Publication). Books or copies of the chapter are available in the church office. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

For inquiries contact Dan Norford (keb.dan@gmail.com).

The Bee - What's Happening?

The Bee has been busy doing projects and sending cards- get well, birthday, and thinking of you - to members and friends of the congregation.

For Labor Day, we provided favors to the assisted living area of Oak Hammock. The theme was school days. The residents sang the school days song and enjoyed their treat which was a tootsie roll pop along with tags saying school days and follow the golden rule.

We are working on Welcome Bags for the four families that are coming October 6-13, 2019 for our turn to host Family Promise. It is a special treat that the families appreciate.

Blessings,
The Bee



Family Promise

Excitement and joyful tears marked the recent Fall fundraising luncheon of Family Promise of Gainesville. The family headed by Rachel and Matthew, who, along with their 5-year old daughter, stayed with us earlier this year, learned in front of the attendees that they had won a new house donated directly to them from Clayton Homes, a mobile home manufacturer! Clayton asked Family Promise chapters nationwide to nominate families to vie for one of three homes they would provide, transport and fit onto a mobile home park of the winner's choosing. A lengthy application was required and had to meet many criteria. You might have heard or seen Rachel and Matthew interviewed on local TV and radio after hearing the incredible news. If you don't remember them, you can return to the April 2019 Lampstand newsletter which published a very moving letter of gratitude which they wrote for all host congregations. The letter tells their long and arduous journey before finding Family Promise. Rachel works at Grace Marketplace and was just given a promotion. Matt works at Jiffy Lube, and continues to help FP families with car repairs as needed.



A second point of celebration was the incredible generosity of attendees and supporters who helped FP reach its hefty goal of \$20,000, a commitment that had to be met by the end of the year to comply with a grant won earlier in the year for the new program, 'Help Us Move In'. This program, which has helped 50 people, including children, just since August, focuses on eviction prevention for families in eminent danger of losing their housing, and to help rehouse families by providing money for move-in expenses, such as deposits.

It is humbling to see the generous gifts people and companies have given to this blessed mission!

It is also humbling for me to unite our congregation's resources in order to affect families' lives so directly by providing wholesome food and shelter to families at UELC. **We will host families next week, Oct. 6-13.** Please contact me if you'd like to be involved. You are always welcome to drop by and see how it works. Peace and blessings!

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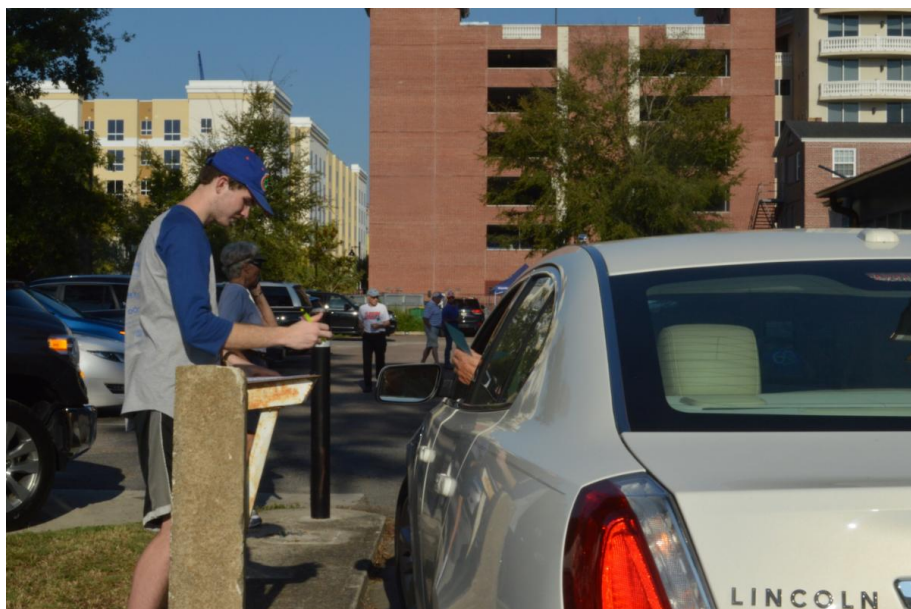


Sherrie Kirk, Otto Johnston, and Pat Dasler at the Family Promise Fall Luncheon, September 26

Football Parking



Thank you to Jackie, Phil, Bev, Anna Grace, Austin, Peter, Ron, William, John, and Rick for parking football fans each Saturday.



Garden Update



Thank you to Ron, Sandy, Cece, Phil, Amy for planting our fall / winter garden: radishes, lettuce, turnips, beets, chard, collard greens, kale are now beginning to sprout. Thank you also to Ron for repairing the garden sprinkler system that automatically waters each morning.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30-1 pm The Bee	2 7 pm Choir	3 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	4 8 am Homecoming Parking	5 Noon Football parking 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
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